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In re Application of Donna K. BARTON et al

Application No. 10/071,534

Filed: February 8, 2002

For: SKIN PATCH INCLUDING A TEMPERATURE SENSOR

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Transmitted herewith is [] an amendment [x] a reply to the Office Action mailed March 25, 2004 in the above identified application.

[x] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement [x] previously submitted [] enclosed.

ALSO ENCLOSED ARE:

- [x] Fee Transmittal Form (in duplicate)
- [] Petition for Extension of Time Under CFR 1.136(a)
- [x] Other 3M Medical Foam Tapes Selection Guide

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	(Col. 1)	(Col. 2)	SMALL ENTITY	OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY
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TOTAL CLAIMS	23 - 20 = 3		x 9 = \$27	OR x 18 = \$
INDEP. CLAIMS	3 - 3 = 0		x 43 = \$ 0	OR x 86 = \$
[] MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT			+145 = \$ 0	OR +290 = \$
TOTAL FEE			\$27	\$

(If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2).

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Sir:

Further examination and consideration of this application
are requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

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DESCRIPTION AMENDMENTS

Rewrite paragraph [0006] to read as follows:

In accordance with the invention there is provided ~~A~~ a skin patch comprising a first layer of material, the first layer having first and second opposite main faces and the first main face having a coating of skin-compatible adhesive material, a second layer of material, the second layer having first and second opposite main faces and the first main face of the second layer being in confronting relationship with the second main face of the first layer, and a telesensor for emitting a signal that represents a physiological parameter sensed by the telesensor, the telesensor being sandwiched between the first and second layers.

Rewrite paragraph [0019] to read as follows:

Moisture that passes through the holes 22 in the substrate and enters the upper layer 22 will tend to permeate the entire upper layer. A water impermeable and electrically insulating conformal coating 28 of a polyurethane or epoxy material is provided over the electrical components in order to protect them from corrosion and humidity effects due to moisture present in the upper layer.

Rewrite paragraph [0027] to read as follows:

Further details regarding the operation of the temperature sensor are disclosed in ~~depending Patent Application No. 10/017,098 filed December 12, 2001~~ U.S. Patent 6,629,776, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference herein for all purposes.